

5/31/16

Hello Selectmen of Rockport,

AHWC

Members of the Ad Hoc Water Committee plan to speak at the Public Comment Period of your meeting on 7 June, summarizing the status of our year-long search for our Town's federally mandated Water Vulnerability Assessment Study, and any attendant updates thereto. As you know, Public Law 107-188 (107th Congress), also known as "Public Health Security and Bio-terrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002" requires all communities serving a population greater than 3,300 people to conduct an assessment of the vulnerability of its system to a terrorist attack or other intentional acts intended to substantially disrupt the ability of the system to provide a safe and reliable supply of drinking water.

Gloucester and other towns
Pennsylvania

This last year, we searched, emailed, phoned, met with, and/or spoke to many people in town (see below for a list), and can report only a series of misunderstandings. Today we ask again, in this public forum, where is Rockport's federally mandated study, and its updates? When was it submitted to the federal government, and by whom in which of the Town's Departments? Is this report now being updated, and again, by whom? Is our town in compliance with this federal mandate? Additionally, our committee seeks a liaison from the Selectmen (as per the committee's 1980 charter). Please supply us this information at the meeting if possible, and if not, in writing by the end of June, so we can better direct our future work. It is not acceptable to us to continue this next year of service on the AHWC in the same manner as this year. Life is too short, and water is too important. A non-response from you will also direct our future work.

Our mission is not to confront, but to find answers to this important issue, and to help where we can. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Laura Fillmore Evans

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re-upping members

Filed timely by 2004, provide
Baseline for status
of watershed prior to MBTA
work on Millbrook Pond dredging
Renewals of members

PS

We have spoken to the following townspeople in their various capacities over the past year. Unless there is a note following the name indicating information that person provided, that individual indicated unfamiliarity with the federal requirement for a Water Vulnerability Assessment Study (WVAS).

Nick Barletta
Erin Batistelli
Chief Hovarth
Eric Hutchins

Chris Martin (hadn't heard of WVAS but did send a link to a May 15, 2002 report, which is interesting and comprehensive, but predates Public Law 107-188, and is not a WVAS with updates)

Tim Olson
Joe Parisi (said the study had been filed)
Debbie Powers

George Robinson
Lt. Schmink (provided us some access to the Town of Rockport Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is not the same thing as WAVS, and pointed us to Chris Martin)
Bob Visnick
Dr. Wedmore

From: 'Laura Fillmore' via Board of Selectmen [mailto:Selectmen@rockportma.gov]
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Subject: [Selectmen] Water vulnerability assessment

Hi,